Vidyalayas Sangathan employees Nepanager is not included in these orders.

Enactment of Code for Breast Feeding

769. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3989 given in the Rajya Sabha on 31st August 1988 and state:

(a) whether Government have received any suggestions from various organisations|individuals for early enactment and enforcement of the Code for protection and promotion of breast feeding, including the advertisements of infant foods; and

(b) if so, what follow up action has been taken or is proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Infant Milk Foods and Feeding Bottles Bill, 1986 has been passed by the Rajya Sabha. The Bill, as passed by the Rajya Sabha, is being amended and is proposed to be introduced in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha in the current session.

Tourist Traffic Affected by Visa-Restrictions

770. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Hotel Association, which met in Delhi in October 1988, have complained that visa restrictions on tourists are adversely affecting the tourist traffic; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken by Government to remove such restrictions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Visa restrictions are imposed on the basis of reciprocity. The Indian Diplomatic Missions overseas normally clear visa applications fairly expeditiously.

12.00 Noon

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notifications of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Port wing)

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table under sub-section (4) of section 124 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Ports Wing):—

(i) G.S.R. No. 712(E), dated the 17th June, 1988, publishing the Calcutta Port Trust Employees' (Pension) Regulations, 1988.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 886(E), dated the 30th August, 1988, publishing the Cochin Port Employees (General Provident Fund) Amendment Regulations, 1988.

(iii) G.S.R. No. 900(E), dated the 5th September, 1988, publishing the Visakhapatnam Port Employees, (Conduct) Amendment Regulations, 1988.

(iv) G.S.R. No. 913(E), dated the 8th September, 1988, publishing the Kandla Port Employees (Reimbursement of Tuition Fees) (Amendment) Regulations, 1988.

(v) G.S.R. No. 917(E), dated the 9th September, 1988, publishing the approval of the Calcutta Port Trust Employees (Other than Haldia Dock Complex) Recruitment, Seniority and Promotion) First Amendment Regulations, 1988.

(vi) G.S.R. No. 973(E), dated the 30th September, 1988, publishing the approval of the Kandla Port Employees' (Retirement Benefit Fund) Regulations, 1988.

(vii) G.S.R. No. 1007(E), dated the 13th October, 1988, publishing the approval of the New Mangalore Port Employees (Leave) Amendment Regulations, 1988.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT- /88 for (i) to (vii)]

SHORT DURATION DISCUSSION

Bofors Gun Deal—*(Contd..)*

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): Mr. Chairman, Sir, first of all I would like to apologise to the House for my inability to be present yesterday during the debate. I have done my best to keep myself informed about what hon. Members have said. I would like to think in particular my colleague, Shri Shiv Shankar, for his intervention. I would not like to draw any distinction between the various members who have spoken, many members on the Opposition and on this side of the House, but I was given to understand by my colleagues that Shri Sukul and Shri Matto on both sides of the house made very fine contributions.

I have always tried to share with the House whatever information I have on this Bofors issue or for that matter any other issue. And the Bofors debate slowly is becoming so frequent that it may find its way in the Guinnes Book of Records. Therefore, when I again try to deal with the many points that have been raised here, I have to necessarily repeat..

SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN (Kerala): I am on a point of order. I have given notice for a special mention and have got the notice.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Wait, it will come after this.

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL (Punjab): Sir, I would suggest that you circulate a copy of the Instructions to members again so that they do not have to raise a point of order like that.

MR. CHAIRMAN: One of the instructions is to let the Minister continue.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu): The book is there, they should read it.

SHRI K. C. PANT: The point that I was making was that I have to necessarily repeat the things that I have said before, but an important point that emerged from yesterday's debate was that although since last year we have been debating this matter for over a year now and several times, new or fresh pieces of evidence are not forthcoming except those that came forward as a result of Government's strenuous efforts. This is something which hon. members opposite do not easily acknowledge. Whenever information comes from any source, whether it is a newspaper, or whether it is a Swedish agency or anybody else, we acknowledge it. I wish my friends opposite, who are objective enough and fair enough, to accept that the Government has made efforts which have yielded information on the basis of which this debate has been going on

What has made yesterday's debate somewhat different and has aroused lot of anticipation, both in the House and in the country, was the fact that an important Opposition leader made certain charges and promised to furnish evidence. Now, the timing of this particular charge was just while the session was meeting . In every session something comes up and there is a debate. There seems to be a carefully planned effort to inject vitality into a flagging debate before every session and there appears to